

## BRYAN'S PLEA FOR WESTERN FARMERS.

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Them.

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The Commercial Law League in  
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### TRIBUTE TO THE AGRICULTURIST.

Is Thoroughly Satisfied the Eastern People  
Would Like the Western Country  
and Its People if They  
Knew Both.

Omaha, July 22.—"Until I am notified of my nomination," said William J. Bryan to-day, "I shall avoid the subject of politics in the few speeches that I must make as much as I can."

Then with a smile he added, "For you see until I am actually notified I am not even sure I have received the nomination, and it may all be a rumor without a foundation."

After breakfast a delegation from the Commercial Law League, which is holding a convention here, captured Mr. Bryan and dragged him off to their hall, where he made a speech. Most of the delegates to this convention are Republicans, yet they all cheered Mr. Bryan with great heartiness. In his speech he made not the slightest reference to the campaign.

In the afternoon a delegation of fifty citizens of Council Bluffs came to Omaha on a gorgeously decorated trolley car to invite Mr. Bryan to cross the river with them and make a speech. The committee was composed of both Democrats and Republicans, and although the reception was supposed to have no political significance, yet every single committeeman took occasion to shake hands with Mr. Bryan, and assure "that he would vote for him."

### TAKEN TO COUNCIL BLUFFS.

The trolley car had a clear track and flew like the wind through the stretch of woods in that separates Council Bluffs from the Missouri River. As soon as it reached the city limits it seemed as if all the town ailed in one prolonged yell of enthusiastic delight. An immense crowd had gathered around the Grand Hotel, and at sight of the candidate they cheered again and again. Mr. Bryan being jammed in a corner of the corridor, and in sheer self-defense he the corridor, in sheer self-defense he the thousands of hands that were stretched out to him.

There was one young woman who was very pretty, and was said to be greatly interested in Mr. Bryan. She fought her way down the corridor with the rest of them and shook hands with the candidate, just as the others did, murmuring her name and her pleasure at seeing him, as they all had done, but then varied the ceremony by exclaiming, "If you would let me stand here a moment, Mr. Bryan, so that I can get a good look at you."

Mr. Bryan, who had hardly noticed the young woman before, turned quickly and looked into her face. Seeing that it was a very pretty face, he blushed and laughed.

"I'm sure that's very good of you," he answered, "but you must not let me know that you are looking at me; it might make me vain."

"Well," was the calm reply, "I'm awfully glad to see you, only I'm sorry that you haven't got more time so that I could speak to you a little. I know lots about free silver."

Then the crowd grew so thick and so many were trying to shake hands with Mr. Bryan that she had to make way for others, and the incident came to an untimely end. A feature of this reception that Mr. Bryan had not come across before was a band of women musicians. They were all young women, clad in pretty uniforms of yellow and black, and they played the "Star-Spangled Banner" with their eyes gazing upon the young candidate's handsome countenance as they had never played it before. To make the matter more interesting they boarded the trolley car on the return trip, and serenaded Mr. Bryan all the way from Council Bluffs to Omaha. Mr. Bryan made a short speech at Council Bluffs from the balcony of the hotel. He spoke as follows:

### MR. BRYAN'S SPEECH.

I have been refraining from making anything that may be considered a political speech as far as possible because I have not been notified of my nomination, but I have heard a well-defined rumor that I have been nominated. When I come on an occasion like this, where a reception is tendered by persons without regard to party, I feel that it would not be proper to speak of political issues. Council Bluffs is not a new place to me. It is just across the river from my own State, and I feel that I am almost acquainted with your people, and I also have a very kindly remembrance of the good words spoken by the delegates from your own State in Chicago when they found they could not get their own choice. I have considered it honor enough to be regarded as second choice to so great a man as Horace Boies.

There is one thing which I think this nomination will do. It will turn the eyes of some of our Eastern friends to our Western country, and the more they see of this country and the more they know of our people, the better will their opinion be of both of them. I think we have an advantage over some of our Eastern friends in our knowledge of the country. We come, many of us, from the East, and, having our friends and relatives there, as we go back and visit them we become acquainted with that part of the country as well as this part, while a great many of our Eastern friends have never been out here, and have a very inadequate idea of the character of our people, and of the country which we inhabit.

And this nomination may have the effect of making all of the people of the country better acquainted with each other and with the broad and fertile prairies of the West.

We who have come here and who live here know the natural resources of this country, and know that it is a veritable Garden of Eden with no damning sword to keep the people out. We desire always to impress this on every mind, that the people of the Mississippi and Missouri valleys are not seeking to use the instrumentalities of government to take advantage over any one else. All that we want is that the inhabitants of this, the most fertile country on the globe, shall simply be equal before the law with

those who dwell in any other part of this great country, and that the laws of the nation, without showing us any partiality, shall also not discriminate against us.

### AGRICULTURISTS ARE LOYAL.

I only speak a truth proclaimed by history when I say that in every nation which has existed since the world began, among the agricultural people has been found the most steadfast, the most loyal and the most useful of all the citizens of the government. I can quote what Major McKinley said six years ago, when I say that there can be no government prosperity in this nation unless that prosperity is broad enough to take within its embrace those who are the tillers of the soil.

Our prosperity rests upon these firms. The wealth that goes from us to the East is first produced, is first brought out of the ground, and when we appeal to our Eastern brethren to give us an equal chance in the race for life, we simply ask for them to give us a prosperity which we must first have before they can share it with us. We are not asking for anything beyond an equal chance in the race for life. We believe that our people are defenders of this system of Government, and when they call us harsh names we point to the record of the past and tell them that there has never been a time when we have been appealed to to aid our country that we have not responded with a fidelity that has never been surpassed by people anywhere.

I am glad to have the opportunity to appear before you and all of the people, if but for a moment, to speak to them what, in peace and war, can always be relied upon to stand by the Government whose form they worship, a Government which they intend, by the help of God, to transmit to posterity. Immediately upon his return to Omaha Mr. Bryan took a train for Lincoln.

### MORE GOLD MEN BOLT.

Michigan State Central Committee Disintegrating on Account of the Chicago Platform.

Detroit, Mich., July 22.—The inability of the gold Democrats in the State to support the Chicago nominee is leading to disintegration of the State Central Committee. Chairman E. G. Stevens yesterday announced that he could no longer serve, owing to the silver platform, and that he will resign at the meeting of the committee here next Tuesday. His successor will probably be D. J. Campau, present National Committeeman. Carlos E. Warner and S. F. Douglas, of this district, will resign from the committee at the same time, and their example is to be followed by members from at least three other districts. Springfield, Ill., July 22.—The gold Democrats of Springfield have repudiated the Chicago platform and favor the nomination of a third ticket, national, State, Congressional and legislative.

## GOLD LEADERS FORCE THE FIGHT.

Declare They Will Compel  
Democrats to Hold An-  
other Convention.

Twelve States to Be Repre-  
sented at the Chicago Con-  
ference To-day.

Indiana, It Is Jubilantly Claimed,  
Has Been Whipped into Line as  
a Third Candidate Advocate.

NOT AT ALL SURE OF CLEVELAND.

A Report Current That the President Not  
Only Opposes the Democratic Gold  
Scheme, but Will Advocate  
McKinley's Election.

Chicago, Ill., July 22.—Twelve States will be represented in the conference of gold standard Democrats, which will be held here to-morrow for the purpose of considering the advisability of calling another convention.

That a favorable decision will be reached is confidently predicted. In fact, the leaders of the movement state that they will hold the conference together until they do determine on a third convention. The call for the conference, the leaders say, has met with an encouraging response. They assume to find much pleasure in the fact that Indiana is now taking the initiative in calling the leaders together. Up to Monday night the Hoosier State was considered doubtful.

Among those who are expected to participate in the caucus are Senator Vilas and General E. S. Briggs, of Wisconsin; Elliott G. Stevenson, of Detroit; John M. Atherton, Charles B. Long and Boyd Winchester, of Louisville, Ky.; Congressman J. H.

Outwaite, of Columbus, add Virgil P. Kline, of Cleveland, Ohio; ex-Senator Martin, of Marshalltown; J. Richardson and Mayor Vollmer, of Davenport, Iowa; W. D. Bynum, John P. Frenzel and Samuel O. Pickett, of Indianapolis; P. W. Lehman and General James Broadhead, of St. Louis; D. W. Lawler, of Minneapolis; Euclid Martin, of Omaha; Frederick W. Vaughn, of Fremont, Neb.; Senator John M. Palmer, of Illinois; Henry S. Robbins, J. P. Hopkins and Thomas A. Moran, of Chicago.

### Position of the States.

The condition of the movement for another Democratic convention was given out at the Palmer House headquarters this afternoon, and the position of the States follows:

**Indiana**—Gold Democrats are fairly well organized. Has taken the first step in issuing a call for a conference to consider the calling of a third convention.

**Illinois**—Gold Democrats are better organized than in any other State. Has issued a manifesto and declared in favor of a third ticket.

**Missouri**—Well organized. Will be represented at the conference.

**Michigan**—In a chaotic condition. State organization has been captured by the silverites. May be unofficially represented at the conference.

**Wisconsin**—State organization still in the hands of the gold Democrats, but the leaders are hesitating to declare for a third ticket.

**Texas**—Has an organization of gold Democrats. Will be represented at the conference.

**Nebraska**—Has an organization of gold Democrats. Its delegation was unseated in the Chicago convention in favor of a silver delegation. Has accepted invitation to take part in the conference.

**Minnesota**—A meeting of gold Democrats will be held to-morrow night at Minneapolis, under management of D. W. Lawler. Action will then be taken in reference to the conference at Chicago.

**Kentucky**—Has an organization and will be represented.

**Ohio**—Has an organization and will be represented.

**Iowa**—Has a strong gold sentiment and will be unofficially represented.

**Kansas**—Has a strong gold sentiment and will be represented.

### Not Sure of the East.

The regular organizations in New York, Pennsylvania and other Eastern States have not officially intimated the third convention movement, but delegations to a national convention may be had from all these States. The official indorsement of

the State organizations may follow later, but the failure to receive it, the leaders insist, will be no bar to holding a convention.

It thus appears that there are eight States with gold Democratic organizations, as well as the regular State organizations. Three of these—namely, Illinois, Indiana and Missouri—are very completely organized, and are strongly in favor of calling a convention and naming a third ticket.

The probable outcome of the caucus was stated by one of the pioneers of the movement in Illinois as follows:

"If three or four pivotal States which have gold standard Democratic organizations agree that such a course will be best, a call for a convention will probably issue. It is necessary, however, that the leaders should speak for their States, and unless they are organized they cannot do so."

"The caucus at the Auditorium to-morrow night will probably eventuate in the appointment of a general committee, analogous to the National Committee, to look after the matter of organization and to arrange for a more representative meeting later on, possibly, for the preparation of an official call."

One of the most serious discouragements encountered by the yellow Democrats is the failure to receive the indorsement of a single "regular" State organization. Wisconsin was the only Western State which sent a gold delegation to the convention, and still retained a "regular" organization which was gold in its tone. Up to the present time Wisconsin has followed the lead of the Eastern States and has withheld official approval of the gold convention.

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ed in saying that there had been no formal conference.

"Was anything done concerning a third ticket, or any conclusion reached in that direction?"

"There was no regular conference and political matters were discussed only in an informal way."

"What would be the chances of success of a third ticket?"

"That I am not in a position to answer. In fact, I am not prepared to talk just now, but I will at the proper time."

"How about Mr. Whitney's attitude?"

"Mr. Whitney must, and I believe he will, speak for himself when the moment arrives for him to speak."

While the Democratic leaders were going and coming many messages, telephone and telegraphic, were received. There seemed to be no cessation of them all the afternoon, but the names of the senders were not revealed to the curious.

De Lancy Neill was emphatic in declaring that there had been no conference. It was only a "talk."

"It is true I called at Mr. Whitney's to-day," he said, "but it was merely a personal call. I did not meet Mr. Sheehan there, although I admit Mr. Hinkley was to have been there to meet me by appointment."

"What was the object of your visit?"

"I called with a view to consulting with Mr. Whitney as to details regarding a conference which we purpose holding in a day or two—yes, to-morrow or the day after."

"What would be the object of this conference?"

"Organization of the sound-money Democracy throughout the State of New York."

"Then the intention is to make a strong fight?"

"We certainly do."

"Will the putting up of a sound money Democratic candidate for the Presidency be a subject for discussion?"

"Oh, certainly."

"Then, the placing of a third Presidential candidate in nomination is a possibility?"